

**Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

June 27, 2002
4:00 P.M.

Tehama River Park-
Woodson Bridge

County	Public Interest	Landowner	Agency
Butte	Jane Dolan	Shirley Lewis	
Colusa	(David Womble)	Ben Carter	
Glenn	(Denny Bungarz)	Don Anderson	
Shasta	Glenn Hawes	(Dan Gover)	
Sutter	Dan Silva	Russell Young	
Tehama	(Bill Borror)	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	Lynnel Pollock	Marc Faye	
Resources Agency			Mel Dodgin
Cal DWR			Dwight Russell
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			Pete Rabbon
USF&WS			Marie Sullivan
US COE			Mark Charlton
Bureau of Reclamation			Laura Allen
Names listed in parentheses represent absences			
Also present an estimated audience of 55			
Manager Burt Bundy			
Assistant Pat Brown, Recording Secretary			
The Resources Agency			Tim Ramirez
Department of Water Resources			Stacy Cepello

1. **Public Participation, Unscheduled Matters:** Dawit Zeleke, The Nature Conservancy, announced the acquisition of the Westermann Ranch consisting of 500 acres; the property is part of the Hamilton City Project and will continue to function as a ranching operation.
2. **Consent Calendar** –Lynnel Pollock moved, seconded by Don Anderson to adopt the May 23rd 2002 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. **Election of Officers** - The Chairman thanked the group for the support over the past year and announced the nominating committee recommendations for officers:
Chair – Jane Dolan, Vice Chair – Don Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer – Dan Silva
The Executive Committee would consist of the officers shown above and Lynnel Pollock, as Public Interest representative, Brendon Flynn, as Landowner representative, Diana Jacobs, as Ex-Officio representative, and Ben Carter as past Chair. Marc Faye moved to accept the slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee and close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mel Dodgin. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Agency Reports** – Diana Jacobs, Calif. Department of Fish & Game (DF&G) was introduced to discuss the development of a management plan for their lands. This is being

done in partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC); however, the plan will be a DF&G document and they will be responsible for it and the CEQA document. Several people were introduced who will be involved in development of the plan, including from DF&G, Felix Ortega, Paul Ward, and Paul Hoffman and from TNC Greg Golet, Marlyce Myers, Dawit Zeleke, and Sam Lawson. Paul Ward discussed some of the accomplishments over the last few years such as the small screen diversion program and the screen installation on major diversions with a combined capacity of 9400 cfs. Paul Hoffman informed the group that of the 3600 acres owned by DF&G, most is in existing riparian habitat. Greg Golet discussed how the public can get involved in the process; they have hired a conservation planner who will begin in early August and a public outreach process will be outlined. They hope to have the plan completed by June, 2003. Denise Dachner, Recreational Planner for the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, updated everyone on the progress of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP). She noted they will be looking for more public input sometime this fall, or winter. Denise also will be available to speak to groups who would like more information on the CCP.

Ernie Ohlin, Tehama County Flood Control, discussed the River Vista Project, a collaborative effort between Tehama County, TNC, and F&WS to look at the possibility of restoring drains to help alleviate flood issues at South Avenue. He also noted Tehama County has requested a Section 1135 Study of the Woodson Bridge area for both rock removal at the Corps of Engineers (COE) site(6000' upstream) and placement of rock at the bridge to address the erosion problem. He noted that Department of Water Resources (DWR) has been doing a detailed analysis upstream.

Pete Rabbon, the State Reclamation Board, discussed a letter from the COE regarding maintenance at sites where the revetment no longer serves its intended purpose. Tehama County, in an earlier request, had asked that the county not be responsible for maintenance of specific sites. The letter indicates the COE will not enforce revetment maintenance of those sites in Glenn, Butte, and Tehama Counties; Butte County chose not to participate.

5. **Consideration of 2002 Handbook Amendments for Adoption-** Burt Bundy, Manager, discussed the status of the 2002 Handbook changes; Chapters 1 to 6 have been updated with the 2001 changes and have been reviewed by members of the TAC and the Board. The Foreword and Appendices have references to the "213,000" acres, which will be changed, along with some of the acreages in the maps and tables, to reflect the 2002 changes. Tom Evans, Family Water Alliance (FWA), asked that the reference to setback levees be removed from Reach 4; it was noted that the language for setback levees was not part of the amendments. Shirley Lewis questioned new language presented in Chapter 4, page 4-2 and indicated there should be more information and discussion before it was accepted. Stacy Cepello agreed it was confusing because 2002 changes are being made to language amended in 2001 that is just now available as a complete document. Lynnel Pollock moved to adopt the amendments as submitted with the omission of the language presented in Chapter 4. Chapter 4, and other new language, will be reviewed and ratified later as additional information is provided. Ben Carter seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. **Board Committee Reports –**

- Ben reported that the Executive Committee discussed the slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee and reviewed the most recent committee reports:

- **Landowner Assurances Committee** – Revision 7.5 of the Good Neighbor Policy (GNP) is out for review with a request for comments to be emailed to SRCA staff prior to the next meeting. The Committee is looking at the possibility of recommending that the Board adopt the first few sections of the document that address the general policy, the need for the policy, and possible impacts to nearby landowners, while continuing to discuss the other items such as incidental take and mitigation banking. There was discussion at the last meeting about opening the draft GNP to a wider review. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 3:00 p.m., Colusa Fair Board office.
- **PILT/Econ Committee** – The Committee is looking at how the various counties receive and distribute PILT. It was noted that Vince Minto from Glenn County is looking into that issue. There were approximately 44 in attendance at the discussion and presentation of the socio-economic analysis by Jones and Stokes for The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The comments and suggestions are being consolidated and a draft of the report should be out in July; a copy will be on the TNC website and will also go out to the counties. The next meeting will be on July 8th.
- **Outreach Committee** – Laura Allen reported the committee met to look at the first draft of the brochure. The new logo is complete and is reflected on the letterhead, cards, envelopes, and documents. The next meeting will be on July 18th at 1:00 to review the revised draft of the brochure.
- **TAC** – Carol Wright, Sacramento River Partners, discussed a project involving restoration planning and feasibility study for the Riparian Sanctuary, Llano-Seco Unit. Initially, this project was not recommended for funding; however, after additional information was provided the project is slated for funding. Kelly Williams, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), gave a presentation on a section of the “Boxer Bill” that pertains to an area in Shasta and Tehama Counties. This portion of the bill would upgrade approximately 30,000 acres from an Area of Critical Environmental Concern to the Sacramento River National Conservation Area. Kelly has also been invited to come to the August SRCAF Board meeting for an informational presentation on this issue. It was noted Tehama County feels the SRCAF should be the forum and has opposed this designation.
It was suggested that a representative from CALFED be asked to come back to update the group on the status of the “directed action” projects and explain what the process will be for these proposals.

7. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2002 at 4:00 p.m., meeting place TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. followed by a salmon and tri-tip barbeque at the park; Mel Dodgin and Dan Silva offered their expertise at the grills. Prior to the meeting boat tours were available to tour the river and Kopta Slough thanks to Stacy Cepello and the DWR staff. Site visits to the Rio Vista restoration area by TNC and USF&WS were also offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Brown
Recording Secretary

